

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A head suspension comprising:
  - a mounting region;
  - a bend region adjacent the mounting region comprising:
    - a bend member; and
    - ~~an~~ a closed aperture bounded by the bend member and the mounting region; and
  - a load beam region with a damping material support structure adjacent the bend member, the damping material support structure offset from the bend member and extending into the aperture.
2. (Original) The head suspension of claim 1, in which the load beam region comprises:
  - a proximal end adjacent the bend region;
  - a distal end with a rigid portion, the distal end extending from a proximal end;
  - and
  - a flexure affixed to the rigid portion supporting a read/write head.
3. (Original) The head suspension of claim 2, in which the damping material support structure extending into the aperture from the proximal end of the load beam.
4. (Original) The head suspension of claim 2, in which the load beam further comprises a stiffening rail commencing at the proximal end of the load beam and extending to the rigid portion of the load beam.
5. (Original) The head suspension of claim 2, in which the bend member is a strut adjacent the damping material support structure, the strut extending from the mounting region and terminating at the proximal end of the load beam region.

6. (Original) The head suspension of claim 5, in which the strut is a plurality of struts, and in which the mounting region, the damping material support structure and the plurality of struts form boundaries of the aperture.

7. (Original) The head suspension of claim 5, in which the strut is a plurality of struts, and in which the damping material support structure, the plurality of struts along with the proximal end of the load beam region form boundaries of an isolation aperture, the isolation aperture precludes interference by the damping material support structure with the plurality of struts.

8. (Original) The head suspension of claim 7, in which the proximal end of the load beam region comprises a partially etched mass adjustment area.

9. (Original) The head suspension of claim 8, in which the proximal end of the load beam portion supports the damping material affixed to the partially etched mass adjustment area.

10. (Original) The head suspension of claim 9, in which the damping material partially obstructs the isolation aperture, and further in which the damping material is supported by the damping material support structure in addition to being supported by the plurality of struts.

11. (Original) The head suspension of claim 10, in which the damping material has a damping coefficient higher than the damping coefficient of the material of the plurality of struts.

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21. (New) A head suspension comprising:

a mounting region;

a bend region adjacent the mounting region comprising:

a bend member; and

an aperture bounded by the bend member and the mounting region; and

a damping material attached to the head suspension and extending over only a portion of the aperture.

22. (New) The head suspension of claim 21, in which the aperture is closed and bounded by the bend member and mounting region.

23. (New) The head suspension of claim 21, further comprising:  
a load beam region with a damping material support structure adjacent the bend member, the damping material support structure offset from the bend member and extending into the aperture, the damping material being supported by the damping material support structure.
24. (Original) The head suspension of claim 23, in which the load beam region comprises:  
a proximal end adjacent the bend region;  
a distal end with a rigid portion, the distal end extending from a proximal end;  
and  
a flexure affixed to the rigid portion supporting a read/write head.
25. (New) The head suspension of claim 24, in which the load beam further comprises a stiffening rail commencing at the proximal end of the load beam and extending to the rigid portion of the load beam.
26. (New) The head suspension of claim 24, in which the bend member is a strut adjacent the damping material support structure, the strut extending from the mounting region and terminating at the proximal end of the load beam region.
27. (New) The head suspension of claim 26, in which the strut is a plurality of struts, and in which the mounting region, the damping material support structure and the plurality of struts form boundaries of the aperture.
28. (New) The head suspension of claim 27, in which the damping material partially obstructs the aperture, and further in which the damping material is supported by the